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Sarah Hanson: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mr King

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 54 EASTERN AVENUE, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 27 October 2024, detailing the tree works in question, following your initial email of 12 September 2024.

Further to my visit of 15 November 2024, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

1. Pathway to house

Pyracanthus - Trim

Tree growing up against boundary wall - reduce top leaving 2m from ground - this is damaging party wall

2. Front Garden

Quince - cut back to edge of path

Apple tree - fell - Poor specimen overgrown by climber

Fig tree - cut back from building by 1 m

3. Back garden

Palm tree - remove Ivy

Holly tree - Fell (suppressed by climbers for light and now bad specimen) - *see officer comment below*

4. Rear courtyard and neighbours pathway

Conifer hedge - Fell - overgrown and causing serious damage to neighbour's fence.

Lilac tree - Fell - overgrowing building reducing light and causing damage.

In relation to the Holly in the rear garden, at the time of my visit, the climber had died / been removed and the tree could be clearly seen. Whilst not worthy of a TPO due to its limited amenity value to the wider area, it appears to be a reasonable tree in good condition hence it would be positive to retain this.

Conservation Areas are high priority areas for tree retention and planting hence once you have tidied your garden (as planned), new planting would be positive to replace the trees to be removed, to help retain canopy cover and the verdant nature of the area.

This decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses.

The works can now be carried out.

Informatives

1. Disturbance of wildlife: It is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) to disturb roosting bats or nesting birds. It is advisable to consult your tree surgeon/consultant to agree an acceptable time for carrying out any work. Wildlife and habitat controls are administered by Natural England who can be contacted on 0300 060 3900; enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk

2. Removal of dead or dangerous wood: This does not require the formal consent of the Council. However you are encouraged to give 5 working days in advance of removing dead wood. Where a branch is deemed to be 'dangerous', i.e. where works are 'urgently necessary to remove an immediate risk of serious harm', please give notice to the Council 'as soon as practicable after the works become necessary'.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Hanson

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